

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-14 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 2 and 8 were previously canceled.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1, 3-7 and 9-12 were rejected and claims 13-14 were allowed.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the patentability subject matter of claims 13 and 14. With this Amendment, claims 1, 3-7 and 9-12 were canceled. Accordingly, only allowed claims 13 and 14 remain pending in the instant Application.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Imatsuka* (JP 2002095051) in view of *Seppanen* (US 6,330,442) and *Nevo et al.* (US 2003/0214961); claims 4 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Imatsuka* in view of *Seppanen* and *Nevo*, and in further in view of *Amrany et al* (US 6,711,207); and claims 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Imatsuka* in view of *Seppanen* and *Nevo*, and in further in view of *Vega et al* (US 6,282,407).

Although the Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejections of claims 1, 3-7 and 9-12, Applicant has cancelled these claims without prejudice to permit the allowed claims 13 and 14 to proceed to issuance. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the original or cancelled claims in a continuation application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the patent application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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